

AI mixture becomes molten and said blowing agent generates a gas that is dispersed within said mixture]; and

(c) extruding said molten mixture containing said gas through a die.

16. (Amended) The method of claim 15 wherein said compounded mixture further comprises an acrylic modifier [for increasing melt elasticity and strength].

Please add ~~new~~ Claims 21-23 as follows:

21. The method of claim 16 wherein the amount of said acrylic modifier is from about 4 parts to about 10 parts per hundred parts of polymeric resin.

A2 22. The method of claim 15 wherein said foamed material has a specific gravity less than about 1.2 g/cc.

23. The method of claim 15 wherein said foamed composite material has a flexural modulus of from about 100,000 to about 450,000 psi.

#### IN THE SPECIFICATION

On page 1 of the specification, on the line following the title line and before the line that reads "Field of the Invention," please insert:

A3 This is a division of application Serial No. 09/055,098, filed April 3, 1998, which application is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

#### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 were pending in the parent application.

Claims 1-14 and 18-20 are being canceled by the present Amendment.

Claims 15 and 16 are being amended.

Claims 21-23 are being added.